

REMARKS

Claims 4 and 6 have been canceled. Claims 1, 5, 7, and 8 have been amended. Claims 1-3, 5, and 7-19 are pending.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 5-13 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate all of the limitations of claim 6 and any intervening claim upon which claim 6 depended, so that claim 1 is equivalent to claim 6 written in independent form. Accordingly claims 4 and 6 have been canceled.

Claim 5 has also been rewritten as an independent claim with all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim.

Since claim 1 has all of the limitations of the original claim 6 and claim 5 has been rewritten as an independent claim, and since claims 1 and 5 are the only independent claims, claims 1-3, 5, and 7-19, as amended, should be allowed.

Should the Examiner have any question or comment concerning the present amendment and response, a telephone call to the undersigned attorney is requested.

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